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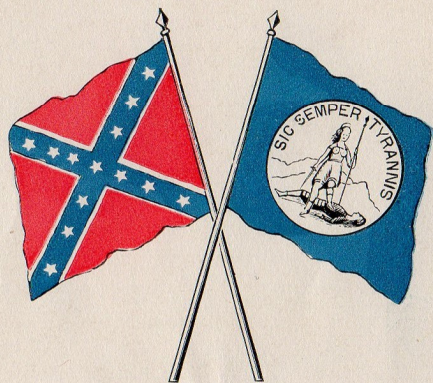
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OFFICERS 1896-97.

JOHN CUSSONS, Grand Commander,	- -	Glen Allen, Va.
JAMES N. STUBBS, 1st Lieut. Grand Commander,		Wood's X Roads, Va.
JOHN J. WILLIAMS, 2d Lieut. Grand Commander,		Winchester, Va.
STITH BOLLING, 3d Lieut. Grand Commander,		Petersburg, Va.
THOMAS C. MORTON, Inspector-General,	-	Staunton, Va.
WASHINGTON TAYLOR, Quartermaster-General,		Norfolk, Va.
Rev. B. D. TUCKER, Chaplain-General,	- -	Norfolk, Va.
Dr. JOHN S. POWELL, Surgeon-General,	-	Occoquan, Va.
THOMAS ELLETT, Adjutant-General,	- -	Richmond, Va.
B. L. FARINHOLT, Aide-de-Camp,	- -	Baltimore, Md.
T. L. CHRISTIAN, Aide-de-Camp,	- -	Providence Forge, Va.

ADVISORY COUNCIL.

The Grand Commander and Commanders of all the Camps.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

W. P. SMITH, Chairman,	STITH BOLLING,
R. N. NORTEN,	WM. H. STEWART,
A. HERBERT.	

Permanently established in 1895.

COMMITTEE

On Publishing a School History for use in our Public and Private Schools.

JAMES N. STUBBS, Chairman,	JOHN CUSSONS,
REV. B. D. TUCKER,	JOHN H. HUME,
M. W. HAZLEWOOD,	JOHN J. WILLIAMS,
JAMES M. GARNETT,	R. A. BROCK.

Appointed in 1892, continued and enlarged in 1893, continued in 1894, continued and enlarged in 1895, continued in 1896.

COMMITTEE

On Sons of Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary.

THOMAS P. POLLARD, Chairman,	W. B. BROWNE,
C. W. McVICAR,	E. P. COX,
BLACKBURN SMITH,	AUBREY BOWIE.

RECORD SINCE THE ORGANIZATION

OF THE

Grand Camp Confederate Veterans,

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA.

As a result of the Military Conferences held in the City of Richmond, Va., on the 16th of December, 1887, and on the 13th of January, 1888, the accredited representatives from the following Camps, viz: Pickett-Buchanan Camp, of Norfolk, Va., Stonewall Camp, of Portsmouth, Va., A. P. Hill Camp, of Petersburg, Va., and R. E. Lee, No. 1, of Richmond Va., met in R. E. Lee Camp Hall, Richmond, Va., on the 13th day of February, 1888. An organization was effected, and Orders and Regulations adopted for the government of the Grand Camp C. V., as reported by the Military Conference of the 13th of January, 1888, and regular officers elected to serve until the next annual meeting, to be held on the second Tuesday in May, 1888. Four Camps on Roster.

John R. Cooke elected Grand Commander.

1888, May 8th—First regular annual meeting was held at Lee Camp Hall, Richmond, Va.

John R. Cooke re-elected Grand Commander,

1888, September—Resignation of General John R. Cooke as Grand Commander received, and First Lieutenant Grand Commander E. M. Henry made Grand Commander.

1889, June 6th—Second regular annual meeting was held in the Academy of Music, Norfolk, Va. Ten Camps on Roster. E. M. Henry re-elected Grand Commander.

The Legislature of Virginia, session 1889-'90, passed a bill to incorporate the Grand Camp Confederate Veterans, Department of Virginia, which was approved January 20th, 1890.

1890, June 9th—The third annual meeting was held in the chorus room of the Petersburg Musical Association, Petersburg, Va. Ten Camps on Roster.

W. P. Smith elected Grand Commander.

1891, June 10th—The fourth annual meeting was held in the Courthouse, Fredericksburg, Va. Fifteen Camps on Roster.

W. P. Smith re-elected Grand Commander.

1892, June 22d and 23d—The fifth annual meeting was held in the Opera House, Roanoke, Va. Twenty-five Camps on Roster.

Thomas A. Brander elected Grand Commander.

1893, June 14th and 15th—The sixth annual meeting was held in Pythian Castle, Portsmouth, Va. Thirty Camps on Roster.

Hugh R. Smith elected Grand Commander.

1894, June 6th and 7th—The seventh annual meeting was held in Sarepta Hall, Alexandria, Va. Thirty-one Camps on Roster.

Thomas Lewis elected Grand Commander.

1895, June 4th and 5th—The eighth annual meeting was held in Armory, Charlottesville, Va. Forty-three Camps on Roster.

Wm. A. Smoot elected Grand Commander.

1896, October 27th and 28th—The ninth annual meeting was held in Courthouse Hall, Winchester, Va. Eighth-five Camps on Roster.

John Cussons elected Grand Commander.

PROCEEDINGS, 1896.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND CAMP, C. V.,

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA,

WINCHESTER, VA., October 27th, 1896.

The ninth annual meeting of the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans, Department of Virginia, was held in the courthouse hall in Winchester, Virginia, on Tuesday, the 27th day of October, 1896, at 12 o'clock noon.

The Grand Commander, WM. A. SMOOT, called the meeting to order, with the following officers and delegates present:

Col. WM. A. SMOOT, *Grand Commander*.

Col. JAMES N. STUBBS, *Third Lieutenant Grand Commander*.

Capt. THOMAS ELLETT, *Adjutant-General*.

Col. W. P. SMITH, *Past Grand Commander*.

Col. E. M. HENRY, *Past Grand Commander*.

Gen. THOMAS A. BRANDER, *Past Grand Commander*.

DELEGATES.

From R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, C. V., Richmond Va.—Past Commanders Thomas A. Brander, Wm. P. Smith, John Murphy, and Comrades Thomas W. Sydnor, Jos. W. Thomas, J. Henry Kracke, D. A. Brown, Jr., D. Hardy Pyle, Charles T. Turner, A. C. Peay, James C. Ferriter, J. Taylor Stratton, D. Smith Redford, James E. Phillips, Judge F. R. Farrer.

From Pickett-Buchanan Camp, Norfolk, Va.—Past Commander E. M. Henry, and Comrade W. B. Browne.

From R. E. Lee Camp, No. 2, C. V., Alexandria, Va.—Past Commander Wm. A. Smoot, Commander Thomas Perry, and Comrades Edgar Warfield, W. H. May, Isaac Rudd, W. W. Sherwood.

From A. P. Hill Camp, No. 1, C. V., Petersburg, Va.—Comrades Stith Bolling, Carter R. Bishop, John R. Patterson, E. M. Field.

From Clinton Hatcher Camp, C. V., Leesburg, Va.—Comrade John H. Alexander.

From George E. Pickett Camp, C. V., Richmond, Va.—Past Commander Ro. N. Northen, and Comrades Ro. L. Maury, E. M. Stratton, W. B. Whitlock.

From William Watts Camp, C. V., Roanoke, Va.—Past Commander and Comrade S. S. Brooke.

From Stover Camp, C. V., Strasburg, Va.—Past Commander Mason Bly, Commander R. D. Funkhouser, and Comrades E. E. Hickley, Joseph Funke.

From Turner Ashby Camp, C. V., Winchester, Va.—Past Commander Charles W. McVicar, Commander John J. Williams, and Comrades J. P. Hyde, Wm. L. Clark, James M. Haymaker.

From Magruder-Ewell Camp, C. V., Williamsburg, Va.—Commander James D. Moncure.

From J. E. B. Stuart Camp, No. 2, C. V., Berryville, Va.—Past Commander S. J. C. Moore, Commander Thos. B. Gold, and Comrades John S. Russell, John S. Ware, John W. Grub.

From Page-Puller Camp, C. V., Gloucester C. H., Va.—Comrade James N. Stubbs.

From H. A. Wise and W. H. F. Lee Camp, C. V., Lunenburg, Va.—Commander Stith Bolling, and Comrades W. M. Neblett, Wm. H. Perry, G. C. Orgain.

From Betts-Ball-Stakes Camp, C. V., Heathsville, Va.—Commander H. E. Coles.

From William Richardson Camp, C. V., Front Royal, Va.—Lieut.-Commander F. W. Leheer, and Comrades Irving A. Buck, J. E. Sower.

From Shenandoah Camp, C. V., Woodstock, Va.—Comrades N. M. Rhodes, (Geo. W. Miley, visitor.)

SONS OF VETERANS

From M. D. Corse Camp, S. C. V., Alexandria, Va.—Commander Aubrey Bowie, and Comrade Edgar Warfield.

From Turner Ashby Camp, S. C. V., Harrisonburg, Va.—Commander and Comrade Ed. C. Martz.

From J. E. B. Stuart Camp, S. C. V., Berryville, Va.—Commander S. J. C. Moore, and Comrade Blackburn Smith.

From R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, S. C. V., Richmond, Va.—Comrade Edwin P. Cox.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Comrade Hyde, Chaplain of Turner Ashby Camp, of Winchester.

The Grand Commander then appointed the following committees:

Committee on Credentials.—Col. R. C. Poore, Dr. Edgar Warfield, Col. John Murphy, and Col. Charles W. McVicar.

Committee on Distribution.—Capt. John J. Williams, Chaplain J. P. Hyde, G. M. Miley, and John Alexander.

Col. John Murphy moved that a committee of three be appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of the wife of our First Lieutenant Grand Commander John Cussons.

Carried unanimously, and Col. R. N. Northen, Col. John Murphy, and Chaplain Hyde were appointed on the committee.

Comrade Sherwood, of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 2, moved that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with, as they had been printed and distributed.

Carried unanimously.

Communications were then read by the Adjutant-General from Hon. F. W. M. Holliday, President of Trustees of Stonewall Cemetery, inviting the Grand Camp to visit the Cemetery.

Dr. May, of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 2, moved that the invitation contained therein be accepted. Carried.

From Turner Ashby Camp and its Guard, an invitation to a banquet to be given to the Grand Camp and Sons of Veterans at the Taylor Hotel this evening.

Col. Maury, of George E. Pickett Camp, moved that the invitation be thankfully accepted. Carried.

Commander John J. Williams tendered to the Grand Camp the escort of Turner Ashby Camp and the Camp Guard to the Stonewall Cemetery this afternoon.

Moved by Col. Maury that it be accepted. Carried.

Commander John J. Williams offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we have learned with pleasure that the patriotic Daughters of the Confederacy and others who cherish the memory of the heroes of the Lost Cause, of South Carolina, are taking steps to raise a sufficient fund to place a suitable monument in the South Carolina lot in Stonewall Cemetery, in this city, in commemoration of our South Carolina comrades who lie

buried there; and that our greatly beloved comrade, Charles Broadway Rouss, with his usual generosity, has come to their aid with a most generous contribution, and that the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans, in convention assembled, do bid them God speed in this noble work.

Col. R. N. Northen moved that the resolution be adopted as read. Carried.

General T. A. Brander moved that the Grand Commander of the State of Sons of Veterans be invited to take a seat on the stage. Adopted, and Grand State Commander E. P. Cox accepted the invitation.

On motion of General Brander, the meeting was adjourned over until 3 P. M.

On reassembling, a motion was made to adjourn for a short time in order that a photograph of the Grand Camp be taken on the courthouse steps; which was carried.

Before adjourning for this purpose, two communications were read by the Adjutant-General—one from John H. Grabbill, Commander of Shenandoah Camp, and the other from T. C. Morton, Inspector-General, regretting their absence on account of sickness. The meeting was adjourned until 7 o'clock P. M.

The evening session was opened by the welcoming speech from Commander John J. Williams, as Commander of Turner Ashby Camp and as Mayor of the city of Winchester. Comrade J. N. Stubbs, Second Lieutenant Grand Commander, responded. Grand Commander Wm. A. Smoot then read his annual report, as follows:

ALEXANDRIA, VA., October 27th, 1896.

Comrades of the Grand Camp, C. V., Department of Virginia:

I tender you a cordial greeting to this, our ninth annual meeting, and congratulate you warmly on the greatly increased interest evinced in behalf of the veterans of the Lost Cause; but especially in the great number of new Camps that have been chartered and enrolled on our roster since its last annual meeting, which was held at Charlottesville, Va., on the 4th and 5th of June, 1895. Forty-three new Camps have been added, which makes a total of eighty-five Camps, now under the jurisdiction of this Grand Camp, as follows:

1. R. E. Lee, No. 1, Richmond, Va.
2. Maury, Fredericksburg, Va.
3. Pickett-Buchanan, Norfolk, Va.
4. Stonewall, Portsmouth, Va.
5. R. E. Lee, No. 2, Alexandria, Va.
6. A. P. Hill, No. 1, Petersburg, Va.
7. Clinton-Hatcher, Leesburg, Va.
8. Garland-Rodes, Lynchburg, Va.
9. George E. Pickett, Richmond, Va.
10. R. E. Lee, No. 3, Hampton, Va.
11. Urquhart-Gillette, Courtland, Va.
12. John R. Cooke, West Point, Va.
13. William Watts, Roanoke, Va.
14. John Bowie Strange, Charlottesville, Va.
15. A. P. Hill, No. 2, Culpeper, Va.
16. Ewell, Prince William Co., Va.
17. Callcote-Wrenn, Isle of Wight C. H., Va.
18. J. E. B. Stuart, No. 1, Dinwiddie C. H., Va.
19. Thornton-Pickett, Farmville, Va.
20. Stover, Strasburg, Va.
21. J. A. Early, Rocky Mount, Va.
22. Turner Ashby, Winchester, Va.
23. Magruder-Ewell, Wmsburg, Va.
24. J. E. B. Stuart, No. 2, Berryville, Clarke Co., Va.
25. Stonewall Jackson, Staunton, Va.
26. L. A. Armistead, Boyton, Va.
27. Louisa, Louisa C. H., Va.
28. G. C. Wharton, Radford, Va.
29. Page-Puller, Gloucester C. H., Va.
30. Niemyer-Shaw, Berkeley, Va.
31. John W. Rowan, Charlestown, W. Va.
32. Lee-Jackson, Lexington, Va.
33. James F. Preston, Christiansburg, Va.
34. H. A. Carrington, Smithville, Va.
35. William S. Grymes, Gordonsville, Va.
36. Magruder, Newport News, Va.
37. Highland, Monterey, Va.
38. H. A. Wise and W. H. F. Lee, Lunenburg, Va.
39. Lane-Diggs, Mathews C. H., Va.
40. J. C. Carpenter, Covington, Va.
41. Appomattox, Appomattox C. H., Va.
42. James A. Walker, Pulaski, Va.
43. Bath, Warm Springs, Va.
44. Tom Smith, Suffolk, Va.
45. Jonathan B. Evans, Blacksburg, Va.
46. Collins-Garnett, King George C. H., Va.
47. Peachy-Gilmer-Breckenridge, Fincastle, Va.
48. Kemper-Strother-Fry, Madison, Va.
49. Wright-Latane, Tappahannock, Va.
50. Joseph E. Johnston, No. 1, Bedford City, Va.
51. W. B. Newton, Ashland, Va.
52. Lawson-Ball, Lancaster, Va.
53. Pickett-Stuart, Nottoway C. H., Va.
54. Fluvanna, Palmyra, Va.
55. William Terry, Wytheville, Va.
56. Brown-Harman, Tazewell, Va.
57. Healey-Claybrook, Saluda, Va.
58. Westmoreland, Hague, Westmoreland Co., Va.
59. Joseph E. Johnston, No. 2, Manchester, Va.
60. Myers-Riddlebarger, Edinburg, Va.
61. Irving, Buckingham C. H., Va.
62. Jim Pleasants, Goochland C. H., Va.
63. Joseph E. Johnston, No. 3, Lignum, Culpeper Co., Va.
64. Stuart-Hairston, Martinsville, Va.
65. Gibson-McCreedy, Marion, Va.
66. Ball-Betts-Stakes, Heathsville, Va.
67. Chamblis-Barham, Emporia, Va.
68. George H. Summers, Shenandoah, Va.
69. Hupp-Deyerle, Salem, Va.
70. Brunswick, Lawrenceville, Va.
71. Richmond County, Warsaw, Va.
72. McElhaney, Lebanon, Va.
73. Marr, Fairfax C. H., Va.
74. Blue Ridge, Buena Vista, Va.
75. Henry Gantt, Scottsville, Va.
76. Cabell-Graves, Danville, Va.
77. Mercer, Bluefield, W. Va.
78. Wise, Buckingham C. H., Va.
79. Edmunds, Kentuck, Va.
80. Pridemore, Jonesville, Va.
81. Giles, Pearisburg, Va.
82. Bagby-Smith-Fox, King & Queen C. H., Va.
83. Halifax, South Boston, Va.
84. Wm. Richardson, Front Royal, Va.
85. Shenandoah, Woodstock, Va.

Continued efforts have been and are now being made to organize new Camps and induce outside ones to unite with this Grand Camp, and in this connection I must take occasion to especially refer to the continued energy

and zeal of Second Lieutenant Grand Commander James N. Stubbs, Inspector-General T. C. Morton, and Adjutant-General Thomas Ellett in organizing new Camps, enlisting old ones, and reviving and reanimating dormant ones, which has had its effect. It is with pleasure that I report that the work is going earnestly on.

It is a great satisfaction to report that the interest in this Grand Camp is steadily on the increase, as evinced by the numbers of reports returned to headquarters by the Subordinate Camps. This is very important, and adds very much to the efficiency of any organization. I must again impress upon the officers of every Camp the great necessity of prompt and full responses.

CAMP CHARTERS.

I must repeat what several of my predecessors have said, and urge upon each Camp that has not already procured a charter, the very great importance of securing one, both legally and as the means of creating greater interest in the Camp.

CAMP OF SONS OF VETERANS.

The interest amongst the Sons of Veterans throughout the State was very much increased through the zealous efforts of Comrade Thomas P. Pollard, Chairman of our Committee of Sons of Veterans, and the grand reunion of veterans held in the city of Richmond in July last. A large number of Camps were formed all over the State, and a Grand State Organization was instituted, with twenty-three Camps on its roster, with the following officers:

LIST OF OFFICERS.

Edwin P. Cox, Grand Commander, 1103 E. Main street, Richmond, Va.
 Ed. C. Martz, First Lieutenant Grand Commander, Harrisonburg, Va.
 E. W. Scott, Second Lieutenant Grand Commander, Fredericksburg, Va.
 R. S. B. Smith, Third Lieutenant Grand Commander, Berryville, Va.
 W. B. Allen, Inspector-General, Woodstock, Va.
 W. D. Stuart, Quartermaster-General, Roanoke, Va.
 T. P. Epps, Chaplain-General, Nottoway C. H., Va.
 Dr. W. W. Luck, Surgeon-General, Leesburg, Va.
 Minetree Folks *vice* F. W. Mahood, resigned, Adjutant-General, 1017 Bank street, Richmond, Va.
 T. H. Edwards, West Point, Va.; James E. Bibbs, Louisa C. H., Va., Aids-de-Camp.

CAMPS.

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| 1. R. E. Lee, Richmond, Va. | 11. Niemyer-Shaw, Berkeley, Va. |
| 2. Shenandoah, Woodstock, Va. | 12. Emporia, Emporia, Va. |
| 3. Pickett-Stuart, Nottoway County, Va. | 13. M. D. Corse, Alexandria, Va. |
| 4. J. E. B. Stuart, Berryville, Va. | 14. State Sovereignty, Louisa, Va. |
| 5. Turner Ashby, Harrisonburg, Va. | 15. Hampton, Hampton, Va. |
| 6. Albert Sidney Johnson, Roanoke, Va. | 16. Montague, Newport News, Va. |
| 7. H. A. Carrington, Smithville, Va. | 17. Magruder-Ewell, Williamsburg, Va. |
| 8. R. S. Chew, Fredericksburg, Va. | 18. Clinton Hatcher, Leesburg, Va. |
| 9. Page Valley, Shenandoah, Va. | 19. Kemper-Strother-Fry, Madison, Va. |
| 10. Pickett-Buchanan, Norfolk, Va. | 20. James A. Walker, Pulaski, Va. |

I would most heartily recommend that this Grand Camp recognize and give all the encouragement possible in itself, and through its Subordinate Camps, to all of the Camps of Sons of Veterans organized and organizing, but especially to the Grand State Organization, so that all of them may be brought in close touch with this organization and its subordinate Camps, to be ready when the last Confederate veteran organization passes away to see to it that justice and truth is done in history to the Lost Cause and the honor

of their fathers. The Camps of Sons of Veterans throughout the State are raising funds to build a cottage at the Confederate Soldiers' Home, at Richmond, which will enable us, when completed, to take care of ten or twelve more of our old comrades who require assistance.

LADIES' AUXILIARY CAMPS—DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

As I feel that it is a matter of so great importance, I must again urge upon every Camp that has not already done so the necessity of establishing a Ladies' Auxiliary Camp, or Camps, Daughters of the Confederacy, which, with its energy, determination, and co-operation adds so much to every action of the Camp for its own good, and for the relief and maintenance especially of the sick and disabled Confederate soldier and his family:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The members of the several committees appointed at our annual meeting have been duly notified of this meeting, and I hope they are ready to report, and I recommend them to your earnest consideration.

UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

The sixth annual meeting of the United Confederate Veterans was held in the city of Richmond on the 30th of June and 1st and 2d of July last, and I am proud to announce its complete success in numbers, enthusiasm, and the work accomplished. I appointed the following delegates to the same—viz:

Col. W. T. Poague, of Lee-Jackson Camp, Lexington, Va.; Rev. Dr. A. C. Hopkins, of John W. Rowan Camp, Charlestown, W. Va.; Col. E. M. Henry, of Pickett-Buchanan Camp, Norfolk, Va.; Col. T. C. Morton, of Stonewall Jackson Camp, Staunton, Va.; and the following alternates: Col. E. V. White, of Clinton-Hatcher Camp, Leesburg, Va.; Rev. W. A. Slaymaker, of Niemyer-Shaw Camp, Berkeley, Va.; Col. W. A. Smith, of Collins-Garnett Camp, King George C. H., Va.; Col. G. William Ramsay, of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 2, Alexandria, Va.

I did not have the pleasure of attending the meeting, as my whole time was taken up providing for the Subordinate Camps of this Grand Camp as they reported; therefore, cannot give a report of the proceedings.

LAYING CORNER-STONE OF MONUMENT TO PRESIDENT DAVIS.

The crowning event of the grand reunion was the ceremonies incident to the laying of the corner-stone of a monument to that true patriot and beloved President of the Southern Confederacy, Jefferson Davis, which took place on the 2d day of July, 1896. I do most heartily congratulate this Grand Camp on the magnificent display made on that occasion, having present in line seventy-three Camps of the eighty-two then on the roster, numbering between 5,000 and 6,000 veterans, marching with the same steadiness and unbounded enthusiasm as in the days of 1861 to 1865. It was, indeed, a rare event, never again to be witnessed.

I would recommend that this Grand Camp put some testimonial of so grand an occasion on its records, that it may go down to coming generations the great love and admiration that the Confederate soldiers had for their martyred President. I would further recommend that this Grand Camp inaugurate active measures to raise funds to complete the grand monument so auspiciously commenced.

SOLDIERS' HOME.

Our Soldiers' Home at Richmond, under its able management, has done and is doing a noble work. We have about an average of two hundred and sixty-five comrades there, all receiving the best of care and attention. There are many applications for admission, but lack of funds prevents an increase of

this number. This is part of our Grand Camp's work, and I heartily recommend it to your consideration.

CONFEDERATE MUSTER-ROLLS.

I do most urgently recommend that this Grand Camp take definite action to secure the Confederate muster-rolls of troops furnished the Confederate Army and Navy from Virginia, which now constitute the States of Virginia and West Virginia. This can be done by securing copies from the archives of the United States at Washington, which can be accomplished only by united action of all interested, and that as soon as possible; for if this is not done during the lifetime of the Confederates it will not be done at all.

SCHOOL HISTORY.

The interest in securing a true and impartial School History is very great and on the increase, and every Confederate veteran feels that it is of vital importance to secure a proper one for the use of our children at the earliest moment. I would, therefore, call the special attention of this Grand Camp to the report of its History Committee.

I cannot close this report without returning sincere thanks to the Grand Officers and aids, and the officers and members of each of the Subordinate Camps for the increased interest manifested in the Grand Camp, and also for the great courtesy and assistance extended me during my administration.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. SMOOT, *Grand Commander.*

Comrade Stubbs moved that the report of the Grand Commander be submitted to the Committee on Distribution.

Carried.

Col. Wm. P. Smith moved that the part of the Grand Commander's report relating to the muster-roll of the Virginia troops be submitted to a committee of three. Carried, and Col. Wm. P. Smith, Col. E. M. Henry, and Col. F. W. Lahew were appointed a committee for this purpose.

Comrade Edgar Warfield then read the report of the Committee on Credentials, of which he was chairman, giving names of delegates which have been previously entered.

Chaplain J. P. Hyde, chairman of the committee appointed this morning to draft suitable resolutions on the death of Mrs. Cussons, wife of Lieut. Grand Commander John Cussons, reported the following resolution, which, upon motion of Comrade J. Taylor Stratton, were adopted by a rising vote, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes of the meeting, as follows:

The Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans of Virginia, now in session in Winchester, Va., having this day heard with profound sorrow of the death of that most estimable lady, Mrs. John Cussons, wife of our First Lieut. Grand Commander, on motion of Col. John Murphy, a committee of three—viz., Col. John Murphy, Col. Robert Northen, and Chaplain John P. Hyde, D. D.—were appointed to convey to Col. Cussons the sincere sympathy of

each and every member of the Grand Camp in this hour of sorest bereavement. The committee, therefore, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Adjutant-General be instructed to convey, in appropriate terms, to Col. Cussons assurances of profoundest sorrow and sympathy from this Grand Camp, and express the sincere hope that the Supreme Giver of all good, who ever "tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," may abundantly vouchsafe all needed consolation; and further, to assure our stricken comrade of our continued interest in his welfare.

(Signed)

JOHN MURPHY,
RO. N. NORTHEN,
JOHN P. HYDE.

Dr. May moved that when we adjourn to-night we adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Dr. May moved that speeches in the future be limited to five minutes, and that no person be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject. Adopted.

A resolution of Col. Maury, relative to the work done on the monument to be erected to President Jefferson Davis, was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The resolution of Comrade T. W. Sydnor, on the same subject, was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Col. Stratton offered a resolution that the last resolution be referred to the Special Committee just appointed, and not to the General Committee on Resolutions.

Adopted, and so referred.

The annual report of the Inspector-General was then presented.

Before reading, Col. Northen moved to have the report printed without reading; which motion was withdrawn, and the report was then read and referred to the Committee on Distribution, which is as follows:

STAUNTON, VA., October 26, 1896.

To the Grand Commander, Officers, and Members of the

Grand Camp, C. V., of Virginia:

Comrades,—In compliance with the requirements of our constitution, I have the honor herewith to submit my second annual report.

During the term just passed I enjoyed the privilege of organizing Richmond County Camp, No. 71, Warsaw, and assisting in the organization of Peachy-Gilmer-Breckenridge Camp, No. 47, Botetourt county; Blue Ridge, No. 74, Buena Vista

I visited officially and inspected R. E. Lee, No. 1, of Richmond; Pickett-Buchanan, No. 3, Norfolk; Stonewall, No. 4, Portsmouth; R. E. Lee, No. 2, Alexandria; George E. Pickett, No. 9, Richmond; John Bowie Strange, No. 14, Charlottesville; Stonewall Jackson, No. 25, Staunton; Niemyer-Shaw, No. 30, Berkeley; Tom Smith, No. 44, Suffolk; Lawson-Ball, No. 52, Lancas-

ter C. H.; Westmoreland, No. 58, Montrose; and Ball-Betts-Stakes, No. 66, Northumberland.

I also visited the headquarters and conferred with the officers of Urquhart-Gillett, No. 11, Southampton; John W. Rowan, No. 31, Charleston, W. Va.; Brown-Harman, No. 56, Tazewell; Mercer, No. 77, Princeton, W. Va.; and Giles, No. 81, Pearisburg, Va. Visited by invitation and addressed the Camp at Charleston, W. Va., and had conferences concerning the advantages offered by our Soldiers' Home at Richmond, Va., with the officers of the Confederate Camps at Parkersburg, W. Va.; Romney, W. Va.; and Moorefield, W. Va.

During the term I was present and represented the Grand Camp at the reunion in Strasburg, Fincastle, Lewisburg, W. Va.; participated in the great reunion of June 30th and July 1st and 2d in Richmond.

In obedience to the instructions of the Grand Camp at its last session in Charlottesville, I visited, at the earliest practicable moment, the comrades of Niemeyer-Shaw Camp for the purpose of reconciling their differences. We had the very efficient aid and advice of the Grand Commander and members of his staff, consisting of Col. Washington Taylor, Capt. James W. McCarrick, and Past Grand Commander E. M. Henry. The Berkeley comrades turned out in full force, received us cordially, and conferred together in a spirit of fraternity and loyalty to the Grand Camp.

As the result, I am happy to report that the sitting officers of the two camps, claiming each to be Niemeyer-Shaw Camp, at once tendered their resignations to the Grand Commander, and with entire unanimity and perfect harmony united in the election of new officers for the united Camp. Nothing that has come under my observation since my connection with the Grand Camp has so well illustrated the fraternity and loyalty of the ex-Confederate soldier to the noble sentiments and fond memories which attach us to this veteran organization as the happy conclusion of this estrangement of some of our comrades. Time will not admit of my giving as much in detail as heretofore. The report of the various Camps I visited during the term, as the number is greater and several of them, I reported on previously, especially those at Norfolk and Portsmouth, which I found on my second visit fully up to the good record they had previously made. But it was my good fortune this year to visit for the first time the two splendid veteran organizations of the metropolis—R. E. Lee, No. 1, and George E. Pickett, of Richmond; and as the largest and leading Camps of the State, something from them ought to be both interesting and instructive. R. E. Lee, No. 1, is the parent Camp of our organization, the only one in the State and probably in the whole South, which has a building of its own—and a splendid one it is—while its magnificent charity, the "Lee-Camp Home" for invalid soldiers, has made for this Camp a national fame. I met the Camp in its spacious hall; there was a good attendance of eighty-six, though its membership of four hundred and forty-seven would seem to have warranted a larger turn out. I was glad to find that there were as many as 257 uniformed, with more preparing to do so. Their finances are in a healthy condition, though the Camp expends an average of \$100 per month in charity.

The records are admirably kept, and very full of valuable information. There is a Sons of Veterans Camp of eighty members, and a Ladies' Auxiliary of fifty-seven—both very efficient. Much information as to the proper workings of a veteran Camp may be gathered by attending the regular meetings of these veterans, and I would suggest that when comrades, especially our Camp officers, visit Richmond they would, if possible, attend one or more of their sessions.

George E. Pickett Camp, No. 9, is another admirable organization of our comrades, with a membership of 329, and I have to say that that Camp carries off the palm for good attendance among all the Camps I visited during the two terms of my office, having ninety-six present for inspection and well uniformed. The order preserved is excellent during its meetings, and

the Commander really commands and exercises a discipline that would be commendable even in regulars. There is an efficient Ladies' Auxiliary of forty-five members, which is the life of the Camp, and in season the Camp gives a series of free entertainments, which is of great value in bringing members out and keeping up an unflagging interest. Some of our Camps would do well to model after the comrades of George E. Pickett Camp in this particular, and the troublesome question of how to secure good attendance would probably be satisfactorily solved.

There is a Sons of Veterans organization of twenty-five zealous members connected with this Camp, and I would suggest that each of our Camps should encourage its young men to have similar organizations.

I had the pleasure of visiting R. E. Lee Camp, No. 2, of Alexandria, during the incumbency as Commander of the present Grand Commander, and was glad to find it in excellent condition. Their attendance and promptness was most commendable, and it was gratifying to find so many of the Camp uniformed. The annual banquet of this Camp is an interesting and enjoyable feature. I was so fortunate as to be a guest on one of these occasions, and must say that I have scarcely ever participated in any event with my comrades which was so pleasant and profitable. This Camp has also a very efficient and helpful Ladies' Auxiliary, and also a Daughters' of the Confederacy Chapter.

One of the most efficient and promising of our young Camps is Tom Smith, No. 44, Suffolk. The attendance is good, the growth of the Camp is steady, and, though scarcely a year old, they are well uniformed, and their zeal is so unusual as only to be accounted for by the loyalty and devotion to the Lost Cause displayed by its Commander, Col. Thomas W. Smith, who is the first and only Virginia Confederate to erect at his own expense a handsome soldiers' monument, which he dedicated to the dead heroes of his own county.

During this term I also paid my first official visit to John Bowie Strange Camp, of Charlottesville. The occasion was a most enjoyable one, and the room was well filled with earnest, warm-hearted comrades, which constituted an assemblage of men that would attract attention anywhere on account of the distinguished ability and war record of its members.

The other Camps I had the honor to visit during this term were of our county organizations, among which it is difficult to attain to frequent and regular meetings, but the same spirit of fidelity to the sacred cause we represent and charity towards needy comrades and the widows and orphans of the deceased everywhere prevails, and the advantages of our grand and beneficent organization are more and more marked as each year rolls by.

I cannot close this report without calling attention to the remarkable increase in the numbers of our Camps during the term just closed. At the last session of this grand body forty-three Camps were enrolled; we now report eighty-five, the number almost doubled. I am sure that every comrade who attended the great reunion last summer in Richmond must have felt his breast swell with pride as he viewed the grand procession of gallant old Virginia Confederates, who had helped to make the most thrilling and heroic chapter in the world's history, and who were brought together once more by means of our organization; and I know that you all will unite with me in giving honor to whom honor is due for the signal successes of the year, and that you have recognized as the moving spirit throughout it all our honored Grand Commander, whose time, means, and indomitable energy have been expended without stint in our service, and who has been so ably seconded in every effort by his untiring, watchful, and zealous Adjutant-General, whom we all delight to honor. And now, in resigning to you the trust committed to me, I wish to bear record to this fact: In my visits to the Camps and comrades in every section of Virginia, I find that the passing of the years bring to the true old Confederate no abatement of pride in the cause for which he fought, no lack of interest in the memories that cluster around the stirring scenes and incidents of thirty years ago, no chilling of

the love he bore his comrade in arms; but the rather, as our numbers grow less and death makes great gaps in our ranks, the veteran realizing that we can never recruit our numbers, steps up to fill the gap as he learned to do at Manassas and Gettysburg—closes to the right, faces to the front, stands, and will stand, a forlorn hope around the furled banner till the last man will stand single and alone, and with all the pride of an unvanquished hero can say: I am the Confederacy.

T. C. MORTON, *Inspector-General.*

Col. Murphy then offered a resolution that the thanks of this Camp be tendered to Inspector-General J. C. Morton for his energetic work and admirable report just submitted to this Grand Camp. Adopted.

A resolution offered by Comrade Joseph W. Thomas, in regard to abolishing military titles of officers of Camps, was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The report of the Quartermaster-General was presented, and a motion made to have it referred to the Finance Committee was defeated, and an amendment offered by Col. Murphy that it be read, was adopted as follows:

Receipts and Disbursements of Quartermaster-General, Grand Camp Confederate Veterans, Department of Virginia, from June 4, 1895, to October 27, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

To balance on hand June 4, 1895.....	\$ 27 43
Tom W. Smith, No. 44.....	\$2 50
J. B. Evans, No. 45.....	2 50
Collins-Garnett, No. 46.....	2 50
Peachy-Gilmer-Breckenridge, No. 47.....	2 50
Kemper-Strother-Fry, No. 48.....	2 50
Wright-Latane, No. 49.....	2 50
J. E. Johnston, No. 1, No. 50.....	2 50
W. B. Newton, No. 51.....	2 50
Lawson-Ball, No. 52.....	2 50
Pickett-Stuart, No. 53.....	2 50
Fluvanna, No. 54.....	2 50
William Terry, No. 55.....	2 50
Brown-Harman, No. 56.....	2 50
Healey-Claybrook, No. 57.....	2 50
Westmoreland, No. 58.....	2 50
J. E. Johnston, No. 2, No. 59.....	2 50
Myers-Riddlebarger, No. 60.....	2 50
Irving, No. 61.....	2 50
Jim Pleasants, No. 62.....	2 50
J. E. Johnston, No. 3, No. 63.....	2 50
Stuart-Hairston, No. 64.....	2 50
Gibson-McCreedy, No. 65.....	2 50
A. P. Hill, No. 2, No. 15.....	2 60
Ball-Betts-Stakes, No. 66.....	2 50
Chambliss-Barham, No. 67.....	2 50
George H. Summers, No. 68.....	2 50
Hupp-Deyerle, No. 69.....	2 50

Brunswick, No. 70.....	2 50
Richmond County, No. 71.....	2 50
McElhaney, No. 72.....	2 50
Marr, No. 73.....	2 50
Blue Ridge, No. 74.....	2 50
Henry Gantt, No. 75.....	2 50
Cabell-Graves, No. 76.....	2 50
Mercer, No. 77.....	2 50
Wise, No. 78.....	2 50
Bath, No. 43.....	2 50
Edmunds, No. 79.....	2 50
Pridemore, No. 80.....	2 50
Giles, No. 81.....	2 50
Bagley-Smith-Fox, No. 82.....	2 50
Halifax, No. 83.....	2 50
William Richardson, No. 84.....	2 50
Shenandoah, No. 85.....	2 50
R. E. Lee, No. 2, No. 5.....	2 50

Total amounts of Charter Fees..... \$112 60

To amounts received from following Camps for Capital Tax:

Ewell, No. 16.....	\$ 7 80
R. E. Lee, No. 2, No. 5.....	13 20
Lane-Diggs, No. 39.....	4 10
W. S. Grymes, No. 35.....	5 50
Page-Puller, No. 29.....	10 65
Magruder-Ewell, No. 23.....	4 70
Mauzy, No. 2.....	4 00
Stover, No. 20.....	7 50
Pickett-Buchanan, No. 3.....	30 00
Brown-Harman, No. 56.....	14 00
Turner Ashby, No. 22.....	13 50
Fluvanna, No. 54.....	7 50
Page-Puller, additional, No. 29.....	6 80
J. E. B. Stuart, No. 2, No. 24.....	4 90
William Terry, No. 55.....	4 00
Tom Smith, No. 44.....	4 00
Stonewall, No. 4.....	20 00
A. P. Hill, No. 1, No. 6.....	24 00
John Bowie Strange, No. 14.....	10 00
Magruder, No. 36.....	7 60
Callcote-Wrenn, for 1893, No. 17.....	2 10
Callcote-Wrenn, for 1894, No. 17.....	2 00
Callcote-Wrenn, for 1895, No. 17.....	2 00
Callcote-Wrenn, for 1896, No. 17.....	3 90
Stonewall Jackson, No. 25.....	10 00
Clinton-Hatcher, No. 7.....	12 50
Fluvanna, No. 54.....	5 00
John W. Rowan, No. 31.....	10 00
Niemyer-Shaw, No. 30.....	5 10
J. E. B. Stuart, No. 1, No. 18.....	1 90
Healey Claybrook, No. 57.....	3 20
Westmoreland, No. 58.....	4 00
Lee-Jackson, No. 32.....	5 60
J. E. B. Stuart, No. 1, additional, No. 18.....	2 00
Kemper-Fry-Strother, No. 48.....	5 00
G. C. Wharton, No. 28.....	6 00
James F. Preston, No. 33.....	3 00

William Watts, No. 13	8 40	
A. P. Hill, No. 2, No. 15	12 50	
Ball-Betts-Stakes, No. 66	3 00	
W. A. Wise and W. H. F. Lee, No. 38	13 10	
Richmond County, No. 71	2 70	
Edmunds, No. 70	2 30	
Lawson-Ball, No. 52	7 00	
R. E. Lee, No. 1, No. 1	38 70	
Total amount Capitation Tax		\$374 75
Total Receipts from all sources		\$514 78

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Baughman Stationery Company, printing	\$26 35	
Paid W. E. Jones, printing proceedings	76 50	
Paid Capt. Ellett, labor and janitor	14 50	
Paid E. A. Ezekiel, banners and decorations	97 60	
Paid Capt. Ellett, rooms	8 00	
Paid J. C. Miller, for badges	13 50	
Paid Duke and Jobson, for tables	10 00	
Paid Mutual Ice Company, for ice	1 60	
Paid Gilmore & Spotts, rent of cots	9 00	
Paid Baughman Stationery Company, printing	91 45	
Paid United Confederate Veterans Capitation Tax	6 30	
Paid Express on Stationery	25	
		\$355 05

Balance on hand

\$159 73

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

WASHINGTON TAYLOR, *Quartermaster-General*.

NORFOLK, VA., October 24, 1896.

Comrade Stratton then offered a resolution to have the report referred to the Committee on Finance; which was adopted, and the report so referred.

The report of the Committee on Distribution was then read, and motion made for the adoption of the report; which was carried, which is as follows:

Your committee to whom the report of the "Grand Commander" has been referred, respectfully report that the various subjects of said report be distributed as follows: First. That the recommendation with reference to "Camps of Sons of Veterans" and to Ladies' Auxiliaries be referred to the Committee on Sons of Veterans and Ladies' Auxiliary. Second. That so much of the report as recommends some testimonial of the grand occasion connected with the laying of the corner-stone of the monument to President Davis be referred to the Committee on Resolutions. Third. That so much of said report as refers to "Soldiers' Home" be referred to a Special Committee. Fourth. That so much of said report as refers to the muster-rolls of troops furnished the Confederate Army and Navy from Virginia and West Virginia be referred to a Special Committee of not less than three. Fifth. That so much of said report as refers to a "School History" for use in our public and private schools be referred to the Standing Committee on that subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. HYDE,
GEO. W. MILEY,
JOHN H. ALEXANDER,
JOHN J. WILLIAMS.

Comrade Stubb's offered a resolution that the number on the committee be changed from five to three; which was adopted.

The following were appointed on the Committee on Resolutions: Gen. Thomas A. Brander, S. S. Brooke, Stith Bolling, Thomas W. Sydnor, R. L. Maury, and W. H. May.

On motion of Commander John J. Williams, the meeting then adjourned to the banquet tendered the visitors by the Turner Ashby Camp, of Winchester.

MORNING SESSION, October 28, 1896.

Proceedings resumed at 10 o'clock A. M.

Meeting opened with prayer by Chaplain Hyde.

Communications were read by the Adjutant-General from Beverly T. Tucker, Walter F. Irving, Washington Taylor, and Thomas P. Pollard.

The Grand Commander appointed the following committee on Sons of Veterans, Daughters and Ladies' Auxiliary: Thos. P. Pollard, C. W. McVicar, W. B. Browne, E. P. Cox, Blackburn Smith, Aubrey Bowie.

Col. W. P. Smith, Chairman of Committee on Finance, read his report, as follows:

WINCHESTER, VA., October 28, 1896.

To the Grand Commander:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report: We have examined and audited the report of the Quartermaster-General for the year just ended to date, showing a balance on hand of \$159.73, and find the same correct, all the disbursements being sustained by proper vouchers. Upon examination of this account we find that out of the eighty-five camps composing this Grand Camp only forty have paid the capitation tax; and we recommend to the Grand Camp the importance of taking some steps at this meeting to require all the Camps to pay their capitation.

Although the Quartermaster-General's report shows this balance on hand of \$159.73, as stated, outstanding and unpaid bills due by the Grand Camp are considerable in excess of this amount, and when paid will show the Grand Camp to be \$19.86 short of its collections; and your committee respectfully recommends that the Quartermaster-General be instructed to proceed at once to collect the amounts due by these delinquent Camps, and that prior to any annual meeting of the Grand Camp in future he shall notify all the Camps that only those Camps who have paid their capitation tax will be entitled to representation at the annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. SMITH,
RO. N. NORTHERN,
STITH BOLLING.

A motion was made by General Brander to have the report received.

Comrade A. C. Peay moved to adopt the report.

Comrade E. M. Stratton moved to amend this motion to adopt the report and the recommendations contained therein.

The question was put on the motion to adopt the report and recommendations contained therein. Carried unanimously.

A resolution was offered by Commander Jno. J. Williams, as follows, and adopted :

That Section 1 of Article VII of the Orders and Regulations of the Grand Camp be amended by the addition of the following words: "And that no Camp be entitled to representation at any meeting of the Grand Camp unless its assessment has been paid prior to or at the said meeting."

Chaplain Hyde moved that a committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions upon the death of ex-Speaker Charles F. Crisp. Adopted.

The following committee was appointed: Rev. John P. Hyde and Comrade Geo. W. Miley.

Comrade E. M. Stratton moved that the Grand Commander be *ex-officio* chairman of above committee. Adopted.

General Brander, Chairman of Committee on Resolutions, made the following report:

That the following resolution, offered by Comrade T. W. Sydnor, chairman—viz: "That no Confederate veteran shall be an active member of but one Camp of Confederate Veterans within the jurisdiction of this Grand Camp be not adopted."

Which, on motion, was referred back to the committee.

"That the following resolution, offered by Comrade R. L. Maury—viz: *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans of the Department of Virginia that the design and construction of the monument to President Jefferson Davis should be the exclusive work of Southern artists and artisans."

A majority of the committee recommended its adoption, and a minority made the following report:

Whereas the Jefferson Davis Monument Association was chartered and organized for the purpose, and charged with the duty of erecting a monument to the Honorable Jefferson Davis, late President of the Confederate States of America; and,

Whereas said Association and Committee of the United Confederate Veterans (consisting of distinguished Confederates throughout the South) were directed, acting jointly, to select a design for said monument; and,

Whereas said Monument Association did, through its committee specially chosen and appointed for that purpose, advertise and offer rewards for the best design that could be obtained for such monument; and,

Whereas a large number of designs were offered to said committee from which to make said selection; and,

Whereas, after a most careful and laborious examination and consideration

of all of the designs so offered, said committee unanimously adopted the design offered by Percy Griffin, Esq., as the best that could be obtained by it for said monument; and,

Whereas the selection of the design made by said committee was reported to, and unanimously adopted by, said Jefferson Davis Monument Association and said Committee of the United Confederate Veterans, in joint meeting assembled to adopt a design for said monument, and after an examination of all the designs offered by all the members of said Association and Committee of Confederate Veterans who were present; and,

Whereas this action of said Association and said Committee of the United Confederate Veterans was then reported to, and unanimously adopted by, the United Confederate Veterans in convention assembled in the city of Richmond, in July last, and said Jefferson Davis Monument Association was instructed by said convention to proceed with the work of collecting funds for erecting said monument according to the design so selected and adopted by it, as aforesaid; and,

Whereas "after this action" of the United Confederate Veterans, and other authorized bodies, in adopting said design, criticism thereof can only tend to embarrass and retard the work of the Association in raising the necessary funds for the erection of the monument to our great Chieftain, and may defeat that object entirely; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans of Virginia, 1. That whilst appreciating the feelings of patriotism and devotion which may have inspired some of the criticisms which have been made of the design so adopted, yet we deplore these criticisms, and view with alarm the effect and embarrassments which a continuance of this course will produce on the efforts to erect a monument to our great Chieftain.

2. That this Camp not only asks, therefore, that this criticism (which, in its opinion, can only do harm) shall cease; but that all Confederate organizations will cordially co-operate with the Jefferson Davis Monument Association in the erection of said monument according to said design so adopted, as aforesaid; and that every true Confederate will contribute what he is able in furtherance of that great and patriotic end, so dear to us all.

3. That this preamble and these resolutions be spread on our minutes and published in the proceedings of this meeting.

T. W. SYDNOR.

Comrade David A. Brown moved that both the majority and minority reports on the resolution regarding work to be done on the Jefferson Davis monument be laid on the table indefinitely. Carried.

Comrade Stratton moved that the above resolutions be taken off the table. Voted down.

That the following resolution, offered by Comrade Joseph W. Thomas, as follows: "That the Grand Camp recommend to each Subordinate Camp that they abolish all military titles of its officers, and that the title shall be Commander, Lieut.-Commanders, Adjutant, &c, and not as now. A Commander, who shall rank as Colonel; First, Second, and Third Lieut.-Commanders, who shall rank as Lieut.-Colonels; Adjutant, who shall rank as Captain," &c.

Gen. Brander moved as a substitute that no change be made or suggested in regard to titles in Subordinate Camps.

Comrade David A. Brown moved to table the resolution. Carried.

Resolution that no Confederate veteran shall be a member of more than one Camp, reported adversely upon by the Committee.

Comrade Murphy moved that the report be adopted.

Dr. May moved that it be referred back again to the same committee; which was done.

Col. James N. Stubbs, Chairman of the Committee on History, read his report, as follows:

WINCHESTER, VA., October 27, 1896.

To the Grand Commander, Officers, and Members

of the Grand Camp of Virginia:

With hearts swelling with pride and love for the performance of our duty assigned to us, your committee respectfully submit this report. Since the session of the Grand Camp in Charlottesville, June, 1895, the committee has had several meetings and considered various matters pertaining to our work. On December 4th and 11th, 1895, in Richmond the committee held meetings. At the said meetings there were many distinguished veterans, who gave the committee valuable advice. At these meetings resolutions were adopted condemning the use of Barnes's History in our public schools, and recommending "Mrs. Williamson's Life of Lee" for children. Also, your committee adopted a resolution in reference to obtaining a copy of the muster-rolls of the soldiers and sailors during the war, now on file in the War Department at Washington. Correspondence was had with General Marcus Wright; also, Governor C. T. O'Ferrall, of Virginia, was called on to use his valuable aid in accomplishing this purpose. Thanks are due to General Wright for the kindness and courtesy he showed the committee. Governor O'Ferrall was untiring in his efforts in doing all he could; he had a personal interview with the President, and was assured that permission would be given to have copies made. It was estimated that the cost of making copies would be five thousand dollars, and a resolution was offered in the Legislature of Virginia asking for an appropriation of five thousand dollars to carry this object into effect. This appropriation failed. Your committee insists that the matter be pushed until copies of the muster-rolls be obtained.

The various recommendations embraced in the last report were referred to your committee. Your committee have considered, and report that progress has been made in some particulars; but to perfect these broad plans will require time and money. The former may be obtained, the latter cannot at this critical period in our State finances.

We do hope that the near future will bring us hope and encouragement to carry out all of our plans. In our public schools are used the following histories—viz: Shinn's, Chambers's, Holmes's, and Barnes's—and only these can be used for this and the next scholastic year. In April, 1898, the State Board of Education will then have to make selection of school books for the ensuing four years. Barnes's history is used very little now in Virginia. It is with marked pleasure that your committee recommend to the public the history recently published by our comrade, Dr. J. Wm. Jones, of Virginia. The committee cordially endorse the splendid work, "History of Virginia and Virginians," by our comrade, the grand old hero, General Dabney H. Maury. Comrade J. W. H. Porter, of Portsmouth, has written a History of the War, its Causes and Consequences, and has submitted it in manuscript to the committee, and your committee think it is a fine history, accurate and handsomely written, and would like very much to see it in print.

At the reunion in Richmond in June last, the History Committee of

United Confederate Veterans submitted a report to that organization, which was adopted. In that report recommendations made in former reports were renewed and repeated, and in addition made the following recommendations, which your committee deem it proper to bring it before this Camp as a part of their report:

A CHAIR IN EACH STATE.

The results above enumerated, some of which were brought about by the recommendations of your committee, and all of which tend to co-operate with our efforts, encourage us to offer the following additional recommendations:

I. We recommend that this Association take steps to urge upon the several legislatures, universities, and colleges of the Southern States to adopt the policy suggested in the two previous reports of this committee relative to establishing a chair of American history in, at least, one university or college in each State.

To this end, we recommend that this Association make proper orders for appointing in each State or division, a suitable committee, to present the matter to their respective legislatures, universities, and colleges, and invite the co-operation of the respective historical, educational, and literary societies, and to invoke the aid of the press, and every Confederate camp or organization.

ADDITIONS TO THE LIST.

II. Since the last annual reunion the following school histories of the United States have been submitted to your committee for examination—viz: School History of the United States, written by J. William Jones, D. D., of Virginia.

Brief History of the United States, written by Mrs. Susan Pendleton Lee, of Virginia.

Our Country, a History of the United States, written by Oscar H. Cooper and others, of Texas.

Having carefully examined these books, we find that they conform to the requirements set forth in the former reports, and we recommend that they be added to the list of Southern authors, whose works are suited for use in the schools.

The attention of your committee has been drawn to the fact that the order in which the several text-books were enumerated in the list of Southern authors in previous reports has been construed to indicate that your committee meant to grade the merits of the several text-books in accordance with the order of enumeration. We deem it improper for this committee to express or indicate any preference between the several works, but simply to furnish a list of histories of the United States, written by Southern authors, which are suitable for use in the schools. To avoid any misconception in the future, your committee give below the entire list, arranged alphabetically in accordance with the names of the authors:

Blackburn & McDonald, Maryland—History of the United States.

Chambers, H. E., Louisiana—Hansell's Histories.

Cooper, Oscar H., and others, Texas—Our Country

Derry, J. T., Georgia—History of the United States

Field, L. A., Georgia—Grammar School History of the United States.

Holmes, George F., Virginia—History of the United States.

Howison, R. R., Virginia—History of the United States.

Jones, J. William, Virginia—School History of the United States.

Lee, Mrs. Susan P., Virginia—History of the United States.

Lee, Mrs. Susan P., Virginia—Brief History of the United States.

Shinn, Josiah H., Arkansas—History of the American People

Stephens, A. H., Georgia—History of the United States.

For Supplementary Reading: Sydnor, Mrs. Ann E., Tennessee—The Civil War.

The above list is as complete as your committee have been able to make it. Possibly there may be other works of merit which have not been brought to our attention.

Believing that the cause of truthful history is promoted by having the subject viewed from many standpoints, and considered by many minds, your committee renew the former invitations to competent authors to prepare additional text-books for the use of the schools.

THEY WILL CO-OPERATE.

III. We recommend that this Association shall take the proper steps to co-operate with the Confederate Memorial Association, when the same shall be organized, for collecting historical material, and for its preservation and publication. To this end we recommend that each State or division be organized by the appointment of division and camp historians, and that the Confederate Memorial Association, when the same shall have been formed, establish the office of historian, and charge the historian with the duty of collecting, collating, exhibiting, and publishing such historical information relating to the Southern States, or to the civil war, as may be valuable to the general reader, or useful as material for future writers of history. And we recommend that the several division and camp historians of the United Confederate Veteran Association shall co-operate with the historian of the Memorial Association by collecting and transmitting to the said historian for preservation and exhibit, or publication, valuable historical material and relics.

IV. We recommend all our comrades everywhere to co-operate in a general movement for the development of Southern history and Southern literature. We invoke the people to give popular support to the establishment and maintenance of the agencies for promoting authorship.

We recommend the establishment of historical and literary societies, historical and literary publications, and public libraries. We suggest that our comrades contribute to the war-literature by publishing articles descriptive of the incidents in which they participated. We invite competent authors to prepare works for the schools and for the general reader, based on Southern literature. The speeches and writings of Southern men, from Jefferson to Patrick Henry to the orators and writers of the present day, will furnish our boys with material for declamation and recitation inferior to no literature of the world.

We recommend the establishment of publishing companies, and all other appliances that will render publications cheaper and more convenient.

V. Your committee have thought it proper to suggest a list of books which may be useful for public or private libraries in furnishing information on topics connected with the civil war. While not undertaking to endorse everything contained in these books, or to express an opinion on controverted points which some of them discuss, we should be glad to see them upon the shelves of public and private libraries, where they can be accessible to our people. We attach a list of these books as an appendix to this report. It will be seen that prominently among the books which we recommend as worthy of reference is the great publication by the Government of the United States of all official papers relating to the war, the same being published with a noble fairness, presenting the regrets and dispatches of Confederate officers in connection with those of the United States Army, and accompanying the volumes with accurate maps and drawings.

THE MODEL AND THE MOTTO.

VI. Participating in the enthusiastic sentiment which pervades the South, demanding that Southern pens shall vindicate Southern history, and recognizing the growing sentiment throughout the United States, demanding a just and truthful record, your committee believe that they can see in the

signs of the times a coming corps of vigorous Southern historians. We expect from them eloquence, candor, patriotism, philosophy, wisdom. Trusting into their hands the vindication of the South and of the Confederate soldier, we commend to them a model and a motto.

The model is, *The Confederate Soldier*. The motto is, *Let Him Live in History, as He Has in War, and as He Has in Peace*.

After the Confederate soldier had fought the war to the end, and has displayed fidelity, courage, and skill, which have never been surpassed, he yielded when further resistance would have been folly and crime. When admiration for his valor, and confidence in his honor, led his antagonists to offer honorable terms, he accepted them in the same magnanimous spirit in which they were offered. He surrendered as the brave surrender. His surrender meant peace and conciliation. He obeyed the order to "ground arms." His tears and his musket fell together to the ground. The war was over.

He had fought with honor; he surrendered with honor, and he has abided the issue with honor. He returned to the Union as an equal, and he has remained in the Union as a friend, with no humble apologies, no unmanly servility, no petty spirit, no sullen treachery; he is a cheerful, frank citizen of the United States, accepting the present, trusting the future, and proud of the past.

He has built the New South—for there is a New South. But this New South is the legitimate offspring of the Old South. It is not a galvanized corpse, worked into life by batteries without. It is a healthy expansion of forces from within. The New South is the work of the Confederate soldier, as the Old South was the work of his father. The Confederate soldier loves both.

The New South, in material development, will rise above the Old South. We shall have a denser population, larger cities, more stately buildings, more ample revenues, more widely-diffused intelligence, richer men, wealthier corporations; but we shall never have a higher social order, nobler sentiments, purer aspirations, grander men, or more devoted or truer women than the men and the women of the Old South.

The Confederate soldier feels this; and he laments the Old South as a parent that has passed away. He turns to the New South as to his child, and with affectionate solicitude he devoted his life to rear and protect it.

He knows the South is a part of the United States. He sees that its best interests demand peace and conciliation. In the language of the eloquent Georgian, "He is in the house of his fathers, and he has come to stay." He is a patriot by nature; he has never ceased to be a patriot.

THE STARS IN THE FLAG.

He must love some country, and he has no other country to love. He sees the Stars and Stripes float over the land. He gazes upon that flag, and counts its stars. Who placed them there? He traces the thirteen States that represent the original States, and all the glorious history of the Revolution passes before his mind. He looks at the brilliant constellation that answers to the States formed from western lands ceded by Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia. Who placed those stars in that firmament? His fathers. What venerated image comes before him when he gazes on that constellation which answers to the States formed out of the province of Louisiana? Thomas Jefferson. The stars that answer to the States formed from Florida and Oregon recall James Monroe. The Lone Star of Texas and the stars which glitter for golden California and the Mexican cessions bring up the memories of John Tyler and James K. Polk. While these shining witnesses bear their silent testimony, the territorial growth of the United States expands before his vision, and the Confederate soldier honors the flag which cannot wave without testifying to this great work of the South, while it proclaims alike the glory of the American Union.

He learned to love that flag when he was a boy. He loved it even when he fought it. Every impulse of his generous nature prompts him to love Dixie and the Star Spangled banner.

The Confederate soldier is a patriot of the highest type. He was a soldier because he was a patriot. He is a peaceful citizen because he is a patriot. He has forgiven the war with its attendant injustice of invasion and reconstruction. He has risen above the humiliation of surrender. From the hero of war he has grown to be the hero of peace. In this character he deserved to be painted by history.

MODEL FOR THE HISTORIAN.

Then let the Confederate historian be like his model, the Confederate soldier. He must be patriotic, for he is representing the cause of patriots. He must be candid, for a partisan work will not live in history, and will fail to convince the world. He must be accurate, for even slight inaccuracies would be detected, and would cast suspicion on his work. He must be patient in research, for much of his material is scattered and difficult of access, and he must make no assertion that is not sustained by evidence.

He must be philosophical; calm and logical treatment is essential to the discussion of the social, economic, and political problems of the great, confederated republic, the conflict of whose centrifugal and centripetal forces has baffled the philosophy of the Old World. He must be enthusiastic, but his enthusiasm must be restrained by judgment; this enthusiasm must be both sectional and national, and this judgment must be both minute and comprehensive. He must be bold and fearless, but always liberal. He must be eloquent, for he is dealing with a lofty theme—the most gigantic internal struggle which history records—the grandest contribution which the nineteenth century has made to human greatness. America's proudest title to martial glory. He is painting for future ages the picture of that eventful epoch whose memories are the joint heritage of all Americans, and which is destined to occupy in American history the pathetic place which the war of the roses now occupies in the annals of England and in the hearts of Englishmen.

In the foreground of this historic picture your committee would place a noble pile of Parian marble, pure and chaste, strong and enduring, on whose high summit there shall kneel the figure of the Southern woman, the guardian angel of the Confederacy, with eyes turned to Heaven, and sacred hands extended in unceasing blessings on the heads and hearts of the fathers and husbands and brothers and sons of our Southland.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED.

The History Committee recommended the use of the following books in the public schools of the South:

1. Southern Historical Society Papers, in 23 volumes—14 volumes by J. William Jones, and 9 volumes by R. A. Brock. Address R. A. Brock, Richmond, Va.
2. The Rise and Fall of the Confederate States of America, by President Jefferson Davis. Published by D. Appleton & Co.
3. Brief History of the Confederate States, by Jefferson Davis.
4. The War Between the States, by Vice-President A. H. Stevens.
5. The Official War Records, with accompanying maps, as published by the United States Government.
6. Is Davis a Traitor? By Dr. A. T. Bledsoe.
7. The Republic of Republics, by B. J. Sage.
8. The History of the Confederate States, by Professor W. T. Derry. Published by B. F. Johnson & Co., Richmond, Va.
9. Southern States of the American Union, by Hon. J. L. M. Curry. Published by B. F. Johnson & Co., Richmond, Va.
10. A Defence of Virginia and the South, by Rev. R. L. Dabney.

11. Military Annals of Tennessee, by J. Berrien Lindsley. Published at Nashville, Tenn.
12. Bulloch's Secret Service of the Confederate States in Europe. Published by G. P. Putnam & Son, New York.
13. Admiral Semmes's Service Afloat and Ashore.
14. Sinclair's History of the Alabama. Published by Lippincott & Co., New York.
15. Captain Wilkinson's Blockade-Running.
16. Schaff's History of the Confederate States Navy.
17. Personal Reminiscences, Anecdotes, and Letters of R. E. Lee, by Dr. J. William Jones. Published by D. Appleton & Co.
18. Four Years with Lee, by Colonel Walter H. Taylor. Published by D. Appleton & Co.
19. Memoir of General R. E. Lee, by General Fitz. Lee. Published by D. Appleton & Co.
20. Memoirs of General R. E. Lee, by General A. L. Long.
21. Life of General R. E. Lee, by John Esten Cocke.
22. Life of R. E. Lee, by J. D. McCabe.
23. Child's Life of R. E. Lee, by Mrs. Williamson. Published by Baughman Brothers, Richmond, Va.
24. Popular Life of General R. E. Lee, by Miss Emily V. Mason.
25. Life of Stonewall Jackson, by Dr. R. L. Dabney.
26. Memoir of Stonewall Jackson, by his wife.
27. Memoirs of Jefferson Davis, by his wife.
28. Jefferson Davis: Memorial Volumes, by Dr. J. William Jones. B. F. Johnson & Co., Richmond, Va.
29. Memoir of General William Pendleton, by Mrs. Susan Pendleton Lee.
30. Memoir of Commodore Matthew F. Maury, by Mrs. Corbin.
31. Memoir of Commodore Tatnall.
32. Life and Letters of the Tylers, by Professor L. G. Tyler.
33. Christ in the Camp; or, Religion in Lee's Army, by Dr. J. William Jones. B. F. Johnson & Co., Richmond, Va.
34. Army of Northern Virginia: Memorial Volume, by Dr. J. William Jones. J. W. Randolph, Richmond, Va.
35. Jackson's Valley Campaign of 1862, by Colonel William Allan. Lippincott & Co.
36. The Confederate Capital and Hood's Texas Brigade, by Mrs. A. V. Winkler, Corsicana, Texas.
37. The Army of Northern Virginia in the Virginia Campaign of 1862, by Colonel William Allan. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.
38. The Campaign and Battle of Chancellorsville, by Allan & Hotchkiss. Van Nostrand & Co., New York.
39. Biography of Stonewall Jackson, by John Esten Cooke. D. Appleton & Co.
40. Memoirs of General J. E. B. Stuart, by Major H. B. McClellan.
41. Memoirs of General Joseph E. Johnston, by R. W. Hughes, Jr. D. Appleton & Co., New York.
42. Narrative of His Military Operations, by General Joseph E. Johnston. D. Appleton & Co.
43. History of Morgan's Cavalry, by General Basil W. Duke.
44. History of Forrest's Cavalry, by General T. J. Jordan.
45. Memoir of General Leonidas Polk, by Dr. W. M. Polk.
46. Memoirs of General G. T. Beauregard, by Judge Alfred Roman. Harper & Brothers, New York.
47. Advance and Retreat, by General John B. Hood.
48. From Manassas to Appomattox, by General James Longstreet. J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.
49. Memoir of General Joseph E. Johnston, by General B. T. Johnson. R. H. Woodward & Co., Baltimore, Md.

50. Defence of Fort Sumter and Charleston Harber, by Major John Johnson, engineer officer of Fort Sumter.
51. Memoir of General Albert Sidney Johnston, by Colonel William Preston Johnston. D. Appleton & Co.
52. A Confederate View of the Treatment of Prisoners, by Dr. J. William Jones. Southern Historical Society, Richmond, Va.
53. The Southern Side of the Prison Question, by Dr. R. R. Stevenson, surgeon at Andersonville.
54. United States Bands at Fort Delaware, by Rev. Dr. I. W. K. Handy.
55. Memoirs of the Last Year of the War, by General J. A. Early.
56. Recollections of a Virginian, by General D. H. Maury.
57. Detailed Mention of Soldier Life, by Private Carlton McCarthy, Richmond, Va.
58. Women; or, Chronicles of the War, by Mrs. Mary Tucker McGill.
59. University of Virginia Memorial Volume, by Dr. John A. Johnson.
60. The Fallen Alumni of the Virginia Military Institute, by Rev. C. W. Walker, D. D.
61. Diary of a Refugee, by Mrs. McGuire.
62. Richmond During the War, by Miss Sallie A. Brock.
63. Wearing the Gray, by John Esten Cooke.
64. Hammer and Rapier, by John Esten Cooke.
65. Hilt to Hilt, by John Esten Cooke.
66. Surry of Eagle's Nest, by John Esten Cooke.
67. Mohun, by John Esten Cooke.
68. Memoirs of a Southern Planter, by Mrs. Susan Dabney Smedes.

First. It is all-important that the copies of the muster-rolls of the Virginia soldiers, sailors, and marines should be obtained from the War Department, and it will require the sum of five thousand dollars to have copies made. Your committee recommends that efforts be made by the subordinate camps to raise the sum of three thousand dollars, and respectfully call on our comrade, Governor Charles T. O'Ferrall, to furnish the remaining two thousand dollars out of the contingent fund under his control, believing, as we do, that the next Legislature of Virginia will endorse this action and refund the two thousand dollars. We further recommend that our comrade, Col. W. P. Smith, of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, be selected to have this work done and take this matter in charge.

Second. That the subordinate camps, within their respective jurisdictions, take specially in charge the matter of school histories now used and to be used in the public schools as well as the private schools, and should advise, encourage, cultivate, and educate the people on the importance of "True History," and, if possible, have used in the public schools as well as the private schools, only those histories recommended by the United Confederate Veteran Association, and endorsed by this Grand Camp in this report; also, that the books mentioned in the list, found in this report, be used and read in our schools.

Third. Your committee deem it advisable to have an official organ for the Grand Camp of Virginia and the subordinate camps, but cannot see how it is possible to establish such an organ in Virginia; and we recommend that *The Confederate Veteran*, published in Nashville, Tennessee, be adopted as the official organ of this Grand Camp, and ask our subordinate camps to encourage, by subscription and otherwise, *The Confederate Veteran*.

Fourth. Your committee recommend that a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the question of establishing in Virginia an official organ for this Camp. This committee will make a report to the next meeting of this Camp.

Fifth. It has come to the attention of the committee that there is in the possession of the family of Col. James H. Burton, deceased, a full history of

the Ordnance Department in Virginia during the war, and it has been suggested to your committee that these papers will be turned over to this Camp. Your committee now recommend that Col. Charles W. McVicar, of Turner Ashby Camp, No. 22, of Winchester, Va., be appointed a special committee to procure the papers from the family of Col. James H. Burton, deceased, and when obtained, then report the fact to the Grand Commander of this Grand Camp, to be disposed of as the Grand Commander and Col. Charles W. McVicar shall deem best.

Conclusion. Since the Confederate veterans have agitated the question of "History for Our Schools," what a wonderful change has taken place. Southern writers have published histories, and others are now being written. The blazing light of "Truth" has been turned on, and good effects have been seen. The work is progressing nicely, surely, and truthfully. As we are growing old and at least but a few more years to give to this work, let us bend every energy and use every means in our power to hand it down to our Sons of Veterans, that they may take it up and push it on to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. STUBBS, *Chairman.*

Comrade T. W. Sydnor moved that the report and recommendations be adopted, with a vote of thanks to the committee for their trouble and expense incurred. Carried.

The committee to which the resolution was referred that no Confederate should be an active member of but one Camp, recommends that it be not adopted.

Comrade Murphy moved that the committee's recommendation be adopted. Carried.

Chaplain John P. Hyde, chairman of the committee, reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

The Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans of the State of Virginia, now in session at Winchester, Va., desiring to give expression to its profound sorrow at the great loss the country, and especially our beloved "Southland," has sustained in the death of that noble leader and peerless gentleman, Hon. Charles F. Crisp, ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of our honored comrade the country has lost a wise counsellor, the South a friend and patriot tried and true, and his State a leader of whom they may well be proud, and whose place will not be easily filled; and further,

Resolved, That we extend to Mrs. Crisp and the boys and girls assurances of profound sorrow and sympathy in this their severest trial, with the earnest prayer that the God of all comfort and mercies may grant to them the needed consolation and peace in so sad an hour; and further,

Resolved, That the Adjutant-General be instructed to forward to Mrs. Crisp a copy of these resolutions, and to publish the same in such papers as he may deem advisable.

W. A. SMOOT,
JOHN P. HYDE,
GEO. W. MILEY.

It was here moved to adjourn to 4 o'clock P. M., which was carried.

EVENING SESSION, October 28.

The following resolution was offered by Commander John J. Williams:

Resolved, That the Grand Camp recommend to the Grand Camp of the Sons of Veterans that the basis of membership be so enlarged as to include all persons in sympathy with the purposes and objects of this Grand Camp.

It was moved that the resolution be tabled; which was adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Comrade J. T. Stratton:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Camp, camps of the Sons of Confederate Veterans shall be composed only of sons of Confederate or the lineal descendants of the Confederate veterans, but that they recommend to the subordinate camps that they organize Guards of Honor, who may be composed of lineal descendants of Sons of Confederate Veterans, or those who are in sympathy with the aims and objects of Confederate camps; and that such organizations are requested to form themselves into a State organization; which State organization shall be under the direction of this Grand Camp.

Moved to lay on the table. Adopted.

Col. W. P. Smith, Chairman of Committee on Rolls, moved that his committee be discharged. Adopted.

A report from the Committee of Sons of Veterans was received and filed, as follows:

REPORT ON SONS OF VETERANS.

The recent reunion in Richmond led to a rapid formation of camps of Sons of Veterans in various portions of the State. At one time there were no less than twenty-five camps and over one thousand Sons of Confederate Veterans registered at the headquarters opened by R. E. Lee Camp, Sons of Veterans, of Richmond. As might have been expected, some of these camps were of mushroom growth, but your committee notes with pleasure that the Grand Camp of Sons now has on its rolls twenty camps which are active and progressive. Two of these have been founded since the reunion—namely, Montague, of Newport News, and M. D. Corse, of Alexandria. At the call of R. E. Lee Camp Sons of Veterans, conventions of Sons of Veterans camps of this State and of the whole South, were held on June 29th, 30th, and July 1st. At these conventions were formed two organizations—the Grand Camp of Sons of Veterans, Department of Virginia, corresponding to your Grand Camp in convention now assembled, and the United Sons of Confederate Veterans, an organization corresponding to the United Confederate Veterans. Both of these organizations have a complete set of officers, and are carrying forward their work to the best of their means and resources. The work of these organizations might be effectually aided by the veteran camps.

The Sons of Veterans held their convention to-day, and delegates from four camps were in attendance—namely, J. E. B. Stuart, of Berryville; R. E.

Lee, No. 1, of Richmond; Turner Ashby, of Harrisonburg, and M. D. Corse, of Alexandria. This number is small, but your committee is impressed with the fact that the attendance was not due from lack of interest, but that the time was inauspicious for any large gathering, as the meeting was held so soon after the Richmond meeting, and at this time, also, most of our people are trying to name the next president.

Your committee would recommend that each Veteran Camp appoint a committee to organize a Sons of Veteran Camp, and thus lend a helping hand to the Grand Camp of Sons. Of course, such committee would only be appointed in the places where no Sons of Veterans camps existed.

Your committee would also recommend that the Grand Camp take up and discuss the requirements for membership in Sons of Veterans camps. The present requirement for membership is that every applicant shall be a lineal descendant of some one who served honorably in the Confederate States Army or Navy.

Your committee would also recommend that you take up and discuss the proposition of the Sons for the erection of a Sons of Veterans cottage at the Soldiers' Home, and the maintenance therein of twelve inmates. This proposition has been approved by the Board of the Soldiers' Home.

BLACKBURN SMITH,
AUBREY BOWIE.

The Adjutant-General made a verbal report that he had mailed a copy of the resolutions on the death of Col. Von Boreke to his widow.

General Brander moved that the Grand Camp do now elect its officers for the ensuing year. Adopted.

The Adjutant-General then read a list of the present officers of the Grand Camp.

For Grand Commander—Col. E. M. Henry nominated Col. W. A. Smoot; seconded by Commander J. J. Williams.

Comrade Brown nominated First Lieut.-Grand Commander John Cussons; seconded by Comrade T. W. Sydnor.

Col. Henry then withdrew the name of Col. W. A. Smoot, at the latter's request.

Nominations were closed, vote taken, and Capt. John Cussons was declared duly elected Grand Commander of this Grand Camp for the ensuing year.

For First Lieut. Grand Commander—Col. Stith Bolling nominated Second Lieut. Grand Commander J. N. Stubbs; seconded by General Brander, vote taken, and Col. J. N. Stubbs was declared duly elected First Lieut. Grand Commander of this Grand Camp for the ensuing year.

For Second Lieut. Grand Commander—Dr. May nominated Col. John J. Williams; seconded by General Brander, vote taken, and Col. John J. Williams was declared duly elected

Second Lieut. Grand Commander of this Grand Camp for the ensuing year.

For Third Lieut. Grand Commander—Comrade J. Taylor Stratton nominated Gen. Stith Bolling; duly seconded, vote taken, and Gen. Stith Bolling was declared duly elected Third Lieut. Grand Commander of this Grand Camp for the ensuing year.

For Inspector-General—General Brander nominated Col. T. C. Morton; duly seconded, vote taken, and Col. T. C. Morton was declared duly elected Inspector-General of this Grand Camp for the ensuing year.

For Quartermaster-General—Col. W. P. Smith nominated Col. Washington Taylor; duly seconded, vote taken, and Col. Washington Taylor was declared duly elected Quartermaster-General of this Grand Camp for the ensuing year.

For Chaplain-General—Comrade T. C. Smith nominated Rev. B. D. Tucker; duly seconded, vote taken, and Rev. B. D. Tucker was declared duly elected Chaplain-General of this Grand Camp for the ensuing year.

For Surgeon-General—Comrade David A. Brown nominated Dr. John S. Powell; duly seconded, vote taken, and Dr. John S. Powell was declared duly elected Surgeon-General of this Grand Camp for the ensuing year.

It was moved by Comrade David A. Brown that the next place of meeting be in Richmond.

Comrade T. S. Sydnor moved to leave to a select committee of three of the incoming commanders the duty of naming the next place of meeting, with a standing invitation in their hands from Richmond.

General Brander moved, that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet in Richmond next year.

Comrade T. S. Sydnor withdrew his above motion, and General Brander's motion was unanimously adopted.

Col. J. N. Stubbs offered as an amendment to Sec. 4, Art. V., of the By-Laws, the following: "The officers thus elected and appointed shall enter upon their duties upon the adjournment of the annual meeting, and hold for one year or until relieved by their successors." Seconded and adopted.

Col. J. N. Stubbs offered the following resolution, which was seconded and adopted:

Resolved, That the camps delinquent in their assessments be again notified and called upon to pay up, and that the assessment for the ensuing year be reduced to five cents.

Resolution offered by Col. E. M. Henry, to extend to the Turner Ashby Camp, to the Camp Guard, to the Press, and to the ladies and citizens of Winchester generally, the thanks of the Grand Camp for the courtesies extended to it during its stay here. Carried unanimously.

The following resolution was offered by Comrade J. N. Stubbs:

Resolved, That this Grand Camp congratulates "The Turner Ashby Camp Guard" on their handsome appearance and their splendid military bearing and fine drilling on yesterday afternoon, and hope they will continue in their good work, and an ornament to Turner Ashby Camp, of Winchester.

Adopted, and a copy hereof ordered to be sent to Turner Ashby Camp.

The following resolution was offered by Comrade J. Taylor Stratton:

Whereas the delegates to this meeting of the Grand Camp have been the recipients of many courtesies and acts of kindness from the members of Turner Ashby Camp and the citizens of Winchester, Virginia, generally, we feel that we cannot adjourn without expressing to our beloved comrade, the Rev. Dr. John P. Hyde, who during this session of the Grand Camp has kindly performed the duties of Chaplain-General; therefore, be it;

Resolved, That we desire to return our thanks to Dr. Hyde for services performed, and to convey to him this expression of our esteem and love, and express the hope that he may long live to serve as earnestly his Divine Master as he was a faithful soldier in the service of his native State.

Adopted unanimously.

The meeting was here declared adjourned, to meet at Richmond, Virginia, the next year.

JOHN CUSSONS, *Grand Commander*.

THOMAS ELLETT, *Adjutant-General*.

Orders and Regulations of Grand Camp.

[Adopted January 13th, 1888, with Amendments now in Force.]

ARTICLE I.—*Title.*

Grand Camp Confederate Veterans, Department of Virginia.

ARTICLE II.—*Object.*

To aid and assist all worthy Confederates who are indigent and in distress, and to encourage the formation of new Camps as a means thereto.

ARTICLE III.—*Membership.*

SECTION 1. Department Commander and Staff-representatives from Camps composing the Department, in the ratio of one to fifty or fraction thereof, if not less than thirty; all past Commanders of the Department and Camps, and all Commanders of Camps, or, in the absence of Commanders of Camps, the senior officer of such Camp present. The Staff of Commander shall be an Adjutant-General, Inspector-General, Quartermaster-General, Surgeon-General, Chaplain-General, and two Aids-de-Camps, none of whom shall have a vote in the Grand Camp by virtue of their positions merely as staff officers.

SECTION 2. Elections for representatives to Grand Camp shall take place at the regular meeting of each Camp next preceding the annual meeting of the Grand Camp.

ARTICLE IV.—*Meetings.*

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the Grand Camp shall be held at such place as may be directed by the Grand Camp, and at such a time as the Grand Commander may order.

SECTION 2. Special meetings may be convened by order of the Grand Commander, or at the request of the majority of the Camps composing the Grand Camp.

ARTICLE V.—*Officers.*

SECTION 1. The officers of the Grand Camp shall be a Grand Commander, First Lieutenant Grand Commander, Second Lieutenant Grand Commander, Third Lieutenant Grand Commander, an Adjutant-General, Inspector-General, Quartermaster-General, Surgeon-General, and Chaplain-General.

SECTION 2. All members of the Grand Camp, or of any of the Camps composing it shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Camp.

SECTION 3. Grand Camp officers shall be elected by the Grand Camp, except the Adjutant-General and two Aides-de-Camp, who shall be appointed by the Department Commander, and hold office at his pleasure.

SECTION 4. The officers thus elected and appointed shall enter upon their duties, upon the adjournment of the annual meeting, and hold for one year, or till relieved by their successors.

ARTICLE VI.—*Duties of Officers.*

SECTION 1. The Grand Commander shall preside at the meetings of the Grand Camp; decide all questions that may arise during intervals of Grand Camp meetings, subject to appeal to the Grand Camp; approve all requisitions properly drawn on the Quartermaster-General; shall study the interest

of the Department generally, with a view to bring about the best results in furtherance of the object for which the Camps are confederated; shall be entitled to present his views in person or by writing to the Department.

SECTION 2. The Adjutant-General shall keep the minutes of the Grand Camp; draw all orders on the Quartermaster-General authorized by the Grand Camp; keep a file of all official papers; make out once each year a return of the Camps, and perform such other duties as may be necessary pertaining to his office under Department orders.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the Inspector-General, under the direction of the Grand Commander, to institute Camps, to inspect and report to the Grand Camp the condition of the Camps, and perform such other duties as may be required by the Grand Commander.

SECTION 4. The Quartermaster-General shall have custody of all funds and property of the Grand Camp, and pay all duly authorized orders drawn on him by the Adjutant-General, countersigned by the Grand Commander; keep a record of his transactions, and make annually a report to the Grand Commander, to be laid before the Grand Camp.

SECTION 5. There shall be an Advisory Council composed of the Grand Commander and the Commanders of the Camps, which shall meet subject to the call of the Department Commander whenever, in his judgment, business of sufficient importance may justify its convening. They shall act for the Grand Camp in the interval between annual sessions.

SECTION 6. They shall audit the accounts and examine books of different officers, and make report to the Grand Camp. Three members shall be a quorum to transact business, and shall be presided over by Grand Commander when present. When called together, Camp Commander may be represented by the next in rank to himself in his Camp, should he be unable to attend.

SECTION 7. All other officers shall perform the usual duties of their several offices, and such other duties as may be ordered by the Grand Commander.

SECTION 8. All disbursing officers must give bond in sums to be fixed by Grand Camp.

ARTICLE VII.—*Assessments.*

* SECTION 1. Each of the several Camps composing the Grand Camp shall be assessed five cents per member annually, to defray the expenses of the Grand Camp, and that no Camp be entitled to representation at any meeting of the Grand Camp, unless its assessment has been paid prior to, or at the said meeting.

SECTION 2. *Badge.*—The following Badge was adopted for the Grand Camp, to-wit: The Virginia and Confederate flags crossed.

SECTION 3. *Seal.*—The Coat of Arms of the Southern Confederacy.

SECTION 4. In case of the death or resignation of Grand Commander, the First, Second, and Third Lieutenant Grand Commanders shall, according to their rank, fill the office for remainder of term.

ARTICLE VIII.

SECTION 1. The headquarters of the Department shall be at the place of residence of the Grand Commander.

SECTION 2. All Camps composing this confederation agree to be bound by the acts of the Grand Camp in all matters pertaining to the Grand Camp.

* NOTE.—At annual meeting held June 5th, 1895, the regular *annual assessment* was raised to ten cents per member to meet current expenses.

At the annual meeting held October 28th, 1896, this assessment was reduced to the original amount of five cents per capita, but it leaves the amount assessed for each year, as due from every Camp that is in arrears.

SECTION 3. Every Camp shall have the right to withdraw from the confederation whenever its members shall so decide in regular meeting, five members having given written notice at a previous meeting of the intention to bring the question of withdrawal before the Camp. Officers of the Grand Camp, in the case of withdrawal of their Camp, will vacate their position.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual or special called meeting of the Grand Camp, by a two-thirds' vote of those present.

ROSTER OF THE CAMPS

COMPOSING THE GRAND CAMP CONFEDERATE VETERANS, DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA.

1. R. E. Lee, No. 1, Richmond, Va., Com. John M. Warren, Adjutant J. Taylor Stratton, Richmond, Va.
2. Maury, No. 2, Fredericksburg, Va., Com. Thomas F. Proctor, Adjutant R. C. Hart, Fredericksburg, Va.
3. Pickett-Buchanan, Norfolk, Va., Com. H. C. Woodhouse, Adjutant T. B. Jackson, Norfolk, Va.
4. Stonewall, Portsmouth, Va., Com. James T. Crocker, Adjutant J. Thomas Dunn, Portsmouth, Va.
5. R. E. Lee, No. 2, Alexandria, Va., Com. Thomas Perry, Adjutant J. Clinton Milburne, Alexandria, Va.
6. A. P. Hill, No. 1, Petersburg, Va., Com. O. B. Morgan, Adjutant Carter R. Bishop, Petersburg, Va.
7. Clinton-Hatcher, Leesburg, Va., Com. E. V. White, Adjutant W. N. Wise, Leesburg, Va.
8. Garland-Rodes, Lynchburg, Va., Com. Kirk Otey, Adjutant Tipton D. Jennings, Lynchburg, Va.
9. George E. Pickett, Richmond, Va., Com. W. T. Woody, Adjutant Peter McCurdy, Richmond, Va.
10. R. E. Lee, No. 3, Hampton, Va., Com. J. W. Richardson, Adjutant W. T. Dougherty, Hampton, Va.
11. Urquhart-Gillette, Courtland, Va., Com. L. R. Edwards, Franklin, Va.; Adjutant W. W. White, Silverton, Va.
12. John R. Cooke, West Point, Va., Com. Dr. C. T. Whiting, Adjutant J. H. Phaup, West Point, Va.
13. William Watts, Roanoke, Va., Com. Thomas P. Buford, Adjutant Hugh W. Fry, Roanoke, Va.
14. John Bowie Strange, Charlottesville, Va., Com. James M. Garnett, Adjutant W. N. Wood, Charlottesville, Va.
15. A. P. Hill, No. 2, Culpeper, Va., Com. R. R. Duncan, Adjutant R. D. Luttrell, Culpeper, Va.
16. Ewell, Prince William county, Va., Com. J. E. Harrell, Adjutant B. D. Merchant, Manassas, Va.
17. Callicote-Wrenn, Isle of Wight C. H., Va., Com. F. C. Roberts, Windsor, Va., Adjutant N. F. Young, Isle of Wight C. H., Va.
18. J. E. B. Stuart, No. 1, Dinwiddie C. H., Va., Com. Edwin L. Perkins, Reams' Station, Va.; Adjutant A. J. Powell, Gunn's Hill, Va.

19. Thornton-Pickett, Farmville, Va., Com. S. W. Paulett, Adjutant B. M. Cox, Farmville, Va.
20. Stover, Strasburg, Va., Com. R. D. Funkhouser, Maurertown, Va.; Adjutant L. Hurn, Strasburg, Va.
21. J. A. Early, Rocky Mount, Va., Com. George M. Helms, Adjutant Chas. D. Lee, Rocky Mount, Va.
22. Turner Ashby, Winchester, Va., Com. John J. Williams, Adjutant Philip W. Boyd, Winchester, Va.
23. Magruder-Ewell, Williamsburg, Va., Com. Dr. James D. Moncure, Adjutant H. T. Jones, Williamsburg, Va.
24. J. E. B. Stuart, No. 2, Berryville, Clarke co., Va., Com. Thomas D. Gold, Adjutant Joseph Price, Berryville, Va.
25. Stonewall Jackson, Staunton, Va., Com. Jed. Hotchkiss, Adjutant F. B. Berkeley, Staunton, Va.
26. L. A. Armistead, Boyton, Va., Com. Charles Alexander, Adjutant E. B. Goode, Boynton, Va.
27. Louisa, Louisa C. H., Va., Com. William Kean, Thompson X Roads, Va.; Adjutant W. T. Meade, Louisa, Va.
28. G. C. Wharton, Radford, Va., Com. G. C. Wharton, Adjutant Richard H. Adams, Radford, Va.
29. Page-Puller, Gloucester C. H., Va., Com. Charles Catlett, Bridges, Va.; Adjutant Maryus Jones, Gloucester C. H., Va.
30. Niemyer-Shaw, Berkeley, Va., Com. J. S. Whitworth, Adjutant E. Rudd, Berkeley, Va.
31. John W. Rowan, Charlestown, W. Va., Com. Rev. Dr. A. C. Hopkins, Adjutant C. F. Gallaher, Charlestown, W. Va.
32. Lee-Jackson, Lexington, Va., Com. J. K. Edmondson, Adjutant W. C. Steuart, Lexington, Va.
33. James F. Preston, Christiansburg, Va., Com. H. D. Wade, Adjutant J. H. Kipps, Christiansburg, Va.
34. H. A. Carrington, Smithville, Va., Com. W. H. Smith, Adjutant John B. Faris, Smithville, Va.
35. William S. Grymes, Gordonsville, Va., Com. C. L. Graves, Adjutant R. H. Stratton, Gordonsville, Va.
36. Magruder, Newport News, Va., Com. George W. Nelms, Adjutant T. N. Eubank, Newport News, Va.
37. Highland, Monterey, Va., Com. J. C. Matheny, Adjutant O. Wilson, Monterey, Va.
38. H. A. Wise and W. H. F. Lee, Lunenburg, Com. Stith Bolling, Petersburg, Va.; Adjutant R. A. Moore, Lunenburg, Va.
39. Lane-Diggs, Mathews C. H., Com. John B. Donovan, Adjutant Sands Smith, Mathews, Va.
40. J. C. Carpenter, Covington, Com. J. J. Hobbs, Adjutant S. S. Carpenter, Covington, Va.
41. Appomattox, Appomattox C. H., Com. R. B. Poore, West Appomattox; Adjutant T. J. Stratton, Appomattox, Va.
42. James A. Walker, Pulaski, Com. C. L. Teaney, Adjutant R. H. Stewart, Pulaski, Va.
43. Bath, Warm Springs, Com. Wm. M. McAllister, Warm Springs, Va.; Adjutant George Mustoe, Healing Springs, Va.
44. Tom Smith, Suffolk, Com. Thomas W. Smith, Adjutant John F. Lotzia, Suffolk, Va.

45. Jonathan B. Evans, Blacksburg, Com. M. D. Bennet, Adjutant J. C. Grissom, Blacksburg, Va.
46. Collins-Garnett, King George C. H., Com. W. A. Smith, Adjutant E. L. Hunter, King George C. H., Va.
47. Peachy-Gilmer-Breckenridge, Fincastle, Com. M. V. B. Hickok, Adjutant W. G. Pettigrew, Fincastle, Va.
48. Kemper-Strother-Fry, Madison, Com. A. N. Funks, Criglersville; Adjutant J. M. Rosser, Madison, Va.
49. Wright-Latane, Tappahannock, Com. T. R. B. Wright, Adjutant Wm. Campbell, Tappahannock, Va.
50. Joseph E. Johnston, No. 1, Bedford City, Com. Samuel Griffin, Adjutant W. H. Mosby, Bedford City, Va.
51. W. B. Newton, Ashland, Com. Richard Irby, Adjutant B. K. Cocke, Ashland, Va.
52. Lawson-Ball, Lancaster, Com. John C. Ewell, Adjutant T. A. Pinckard, Lancaster, Va.
53. Pickett-Stuart, Nottoway C. H., Com. J. C. Harrison, Burkeville; Adjutant Edward S. Deane, Nottoway C. H., Va.
54. Fluvanna, Palmyra, Com. Wm. B. Pettit, Adjutant B. W. Taylor, Palmyra, Va.
55. William Terry, Wytheville, Com. John H. Fulton, Adjutant Robert Gleaves, Wytheville, Va.
56. Brown-Harman, Tazewell, Com. A. J. May, Adjutant T. P. Bowen, Tazewell, Va.
57. Healey-Claybrook, Saluda, Com. Wm. S. Christian, Adjutant J. H. Fleet, Saluda, Va.
58. Westmoreland, Hague, Westmoreland Co., Com. R. J. Washington, Adjutant J. W. C. Davis, Hague, Va.
59. Joseph E. Johnston, No. 2, Manchester, Com. J. J. Blanton, Adjutant James T. Butler, Manchester, Va.
60. Myers-Riddlebarger, Edinburg, Com. R. M. Lantz, Adjutant J. B. Sheffer, Edinburg, Va.
61. Irving, Buckingham C. H., Com. J. T. Rogers, Adjutant J. C. Hanes, Buckingham C. H., Va.
62. Jim Pleasants, Goochland C. H., Com. George F. Harrison, Adjutant H. H. Hoyer, Goochland, Va.
63. Joseph E. Johnston, No. 3, Lignum, Culpeper Co., Com. J. M. Harris, Adjutant D. J. Kyle, Brandy Station, Va.
64. Stuart-Hairston, Martinsville, Com. W. W. Morris, Adjutant J. B. C. Ambrose, Martinsville, Va.
65. Gibson-McCready, Marion, Com. A. G. Pendleton, Adjutant J. H. Gollehon, Marion, Va.
66. Ball-Betts-Stakes, Heathsville, Com. Hiram E. Coles, Adjutant Slater Cowert, Heathsville, Va.
67. Chamblis-Barham, Emporia, Com. A. W. Fergerson, Adjutant E. L. Turner, Emporia, Va.
68. George H. Summers, Shenandoah, Com. Robert S. Pritchett, Adjutant J. E. Price, Shenandoah, Va.
69. Hupp-Deyerle, Salem, Com. R. H. Logan, Adjutant G. W. Zirkle, Salem, Va.
70. Brunswick, Lawrenceville, Com. F. G. Jones, Adjutant F. E. Buford, San Marino, Va.

71. Richmond County, Warsaw, Com. W. A. Brockenbrough, Emmerton, Va.; Adjutant O. M. Le Moine, Warsaw, Va.
72. McElhaney, Lebanon, Com. H. H. Dickenson, Adjutant J. W. Bausell, Lebanon, Va.
73. Marr, Fairfax C. H., Com. J. Owens Berry, Ash Grove, Va.; Adjutant I. Cooper, Fairfax C. H., Va.
74. Blue Ridge, Buena Vista, Com. C. F. Jordan, Adjutant J. L. Adair, Buena Vista, Va.
75. Henry Gantt, Scottsville, Com. J. C. Hill, Adjutant J. C. Hall, Scottsville, Va.
76. Cabell-Graves, Danville, Com. E. B. Withers, Adjutant R. A. Walters, Danville, Va.
77. Mercer, Bluefield, W. Va., Com. James M. French, Adjutant William A. Cooper, Bluefield, W. Va.
78. Wise, Buckingham C. H., Com. John W. Fisher, Adjutant R. R. Saunders, Buckingham C. H., Va.
79. Edmunds, Kentuck, Com. Robert W. Townes, Adjutant Robert Bradley, Kentuck, Va.
80. Pridemore, Jonesville, Com. C. T. Duncan, Adjutant J. A. G. Hyatt, Jonesville, Va.
81. Giles, Pearisburg, Com. J. B. Peck, Adjutant F. G. Thrasher, Pearisburg, Va.
82. Bagby-Smith-Fox, King & Queen C. H., Com. Theodore Courtney, Adjutant Norvell Ryland, King & Queen C. H., Va.
83. Halifax, South Boston, Com. H. A. Edmondson, Adjutant R. H. Beasley, South Boston, Va.
84. Wm. Richardson, Front Royal, Com. Giles Cook, Adjutant Cornelius Grimes, Front Royal, Va.
85. Shenandoah, Woodstock, Com. John H. Grabill, Adjutant George W. Miley, Woodstock, Va.